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SUBJECT: AUGUST 24 EA PRESS SUMMARY

NEW HELMSMAN AT SHIP OF STATE

1. VERY HEAVY PRESS TREATMENT OF STATE SHIFT, EVEN IN OUTBACK PAPERS LIKE CHITRIB, WHICH PROVIDES EDITORIAL TRIBUTE TO ROGERS WHILE FINDING HAK APPOINTMENT LOGICAL. MOST TREATMENT IS SIMILAR, REPORTERS AND EDITS PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROGERS FOR HANDLING DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH DIGNITY. SOME QUOTED UNNAMED DEPT. OFFICIALS INDICATING EAGERNESS FOR CHANGE BECAUSE IT WOULD INCREASE DEPT. ROLE IN POLICY-MAKING. CHARLOTTE SAIKOWSKI (CSM) NOTED SECSTATE "WILL LEAVE BEHIND A STORE OF AFFECTION. HE WAS NOT GIVEN THE ROLE OF CENTRAL HERO BUT HE WON RESPECT AS A MAN OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY." PHINQ LEAD EDIT ENTITLED "ROGERS PLAYED HIS ROLE IN AN ERA OF GREAT SUCCESS", WAS A WARM EULOGY FOR ROGERS AND A LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVED MORALE IN DEPT. UNDER HAK. SEVERAL ARTICLES STRESS HAK'S GREAT INTELLECTUAL AND CONCEPTUAL ABILITIES BUT POINT TO APPARENT SHORTCOMINGS IN, OR IMPATIENCE WITH, BUREAUCRATIC ADMINISTRATION; SOME SEE IN THIS AND IN HIS PRESUMED INTENTION TO REVITALIZE HUGE DEPT. AND FS POSSIBLE THREATS TO HIS SUCCESS. EVANS AND NOVAK, FOR EXAMPLE, SAY HAK COULD BECOME VICTIM OF DORMANT DEPARTMENT HE WILL TRY TO ENERGIZE. IF UNDERCUT IN THE STRUGGLE, US FOREIGN POLICY, HAK AND THE PRES. COULD ALL SUFFER. THEY SUGGEST THAT HAK APPOINTMENT WAS LAST-MINUTE MOVE WITH HAIG AS KEY PERSUADER, AND THAT HAK ACCEPTED INSTANTLY. ALSOP ASSERTS PRES. DECIDED TO APPOINT HAK AFTER LAST ELECTIONS, BUT PERMITTED OLD FRIEND ROGERS, WHO WANTED TO HANG IN THERE, TWO REPRIEVES. SEVERAL PAPERS SEE APPOINTMENT AS CHALLENGE TO ALL HANDS: TO DEPT., FS, AND HAK, AS WELL AS TO PRESENT COMPACT AND WIELDY POLICY-MAKING ARRANGEMENT IN NSC.

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2. ANOTHER OFF-KEY NOTE SOUNDED BY REPORTS THAT DEPT. ASST. SEC. BRAY, HAS ASKED FOR REASSIGNMENT ON GROUNDS OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH HAK -- BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN STYLE AND APPROACH, RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE IN CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY.

3. AMID GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF HAK BY LEADING SENATORS THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THAT HE MAY RECEIVE SEARCHING QUESTIONS AT SFRC HEARINGS; SYMINGTON IN PARTICULAR CAUTIONING THAT HAK HAD BETTER NOT TRY HIDE BEHIND CLOAK OF EXEC PRIVILEGE IN FUTURE (THIS DESPITE HAK'S EFFORT AT PRESS CONFERENCE TO ASSURE THAT CANDOR WITH CONGRESS AND PEOPLE WOULD MARK HIS INCUMBENCY IN STATE), AND HEANDHUMPHREY INDICATED THAT BUGGING

OF NSC STAFF WOULD BE EXPLORED IN CONFIRMATION HEARINGS.

4. IN ONLY EA REACTION NOTED IN US PRESS, POND (SUN, CSM) REPORT FROM TOKYO THAT JAPAN VIEWS CHANGE WITH MIXED FEELINGS. GAIMUSHO SPOKESMAN SAID GOJ EXPECTS IT WILL UNIFY US FOREIGN POLICY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION. HE ADDED THAT OHIRA, WHO ADMIRES AND RESPECTS ROGERS, WILL SAY SO IN PRESS CONFERENCE. POND NOTES THAT ORIGINAL "NIXON SHOCK" RE CHINA TOOK PLACE UNDER HAK'S MANAGEMENT; SHE ALLEGES THAT SOME AMERICAN JAPAN-WATCHERS SEE AN ANTI-JAPAN STREAK IN HAK, BUT JAPANESE DIPLOMATS DO NOT GO SO FAR.

INDOCHINA

5. FANK RECAPTURES THREE IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON OUTSKIRTS KOMPONG SPEU (NYDN; PHINQ; AP NYT: WP; UPI CHITRIB). REDS STEP UP ATTACK AGAINST KOMPONG CHAM (UPI CHITRIB; PHINQ). FANK PUSHES KI BACK AT KOMPONG CHAM (WP). SITUATION GENERALLY CALM AT PP, SOUTHERN DEFENCE LINE STRENGTHENED WITH MAP HOWITZERS, FANK LINKS UP WITH CUT-OFF PLATOON 9 MI S OF PP (AP NYT).

6. AFP REPORTS FROM PEKING (WP) THAT SIHANOUK SAYS 1969 SECRET BOMBING KILLED CAMBODIANS; CHALLENGES UNCLASSIFIED

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PRES.' ASSERTION THAT AREA UNINHABITED BY KHMERS AND BOMBING DIRECTED ONLY AGAINST VC/NVA.

7. BROWNE (NYT) FROM SIEM REAP DESCRIBES STALEMATE SITUATION. KI HOLDS MOST IMPORTANT TEMPLE AREAS WHILE GKR HOLDS TOWN, WITH FIGHTING LIMITED TO OCCASIONAL SKIRMISHES AND SNIPING. NEITHER SIDE WANTS TO DAMAGE RUINS, TEMPLES AND MONUMENTS. QUIET CONDITIONS DUE TO STAND-OFF MAKE PLAUSIBLE SIHANOUK CLAIM OF SPRINGTIME VISIT TO ANGKOR WAT THOUGH GKR SAYS IT COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

8. BINDER (NYT) QUOTES SENIOR USAF OFFICER THAT NEAK LUONG BOMBING ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO FAILURE OF INEXPERIENCED NAVIGATOR TO THROW A SINGLE SWITCH. B-52S AT TIME WERE USING A GROUND BEACON FIX SYSTEM THAT WAS ABANDONED AS TOO DANGEROUS SIX YEARS AGO IN VIETNAM; SYSTEM WAS USED BECAUSE C-F PRECLUDES USE OF USUAL GROUND RADAR SYSTEM THAT REQUIRED SAC PERSONNEL ON GROUND. FANK ALSO INCORRECTLY PLACED BEACON IN CENTER OF TOWN INSTEAD OF A MILE AWAY AS DIRECTED, LEAVING NO MARGIN FOR ERROR.

9. BIRD (NYT) QUOTES US BOTANIST DR. ARTHUR WESTING

ON RETURN FROM NVN THAT HE WAS "NUMBED" BY AIR RAID DEVASTATION AND SAW NO PERMANENT STRUCTURES STANDING FOR 500 MI ON ROAD FROM HANOI TO SVN BORDER. WESTING REPRESENTS SCIENTIFIC AID FOR INDOCHINA, A TASK FORCE OF SCIENTIST'S INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION THAT WANTS SCIENCE TO HELP REBUILD NVN. HE SAYS NVN NEEDS INCLUDE LABORATORY OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND PLANT CHEMISTRY, FORESTRY INSTITUTE, AND METAL-DETECTING EQUIPMENT TO FIND REMAINING BOMBS AND MINES.

10. REUTERS (NYT) REPORTS THAT COMMUNISTS FIRE MORE THAN 300 MORTARS INTO HUE KILLING 4, WOUNDING 6 ARVN. SUBSEQUENTLY, COMMUNISTS WERE REPELLED IN STORM ATTEMPT KILLING 9.

11. 150 LABOR UNIONS MEETING IN SAIGON TO PROTEST RAMPANT INFLATION WHICH REPORTEDLY DROVE TWO FAMILIES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUICIDE (PHINQ, WSN).

12. (PHINQ) REPORTS THAT VC CONFIRMED 5 EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS DETAINED SAYING THEY WERE WELL TREATED AND ASSURED SAFETY (WP).

13. UPI REPORTS VC AND GVN NEGOTIATORS ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF BLOCKING PROGRESS IN PARIS TALKS ON SVN POLITICAL FUTURE.

14. (PHINQ) SAYS PM SOUVANNA CABINET MINISTERS AND ARMED FORCES GENERALS MET FOR FIRST TIME TO REVIEW THE PROTOCOL OF FEB. 2& CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WITH PATHET LAO.

15. (PHINQ) THIEU WOOS COLLEGE CROWD, AS PART OF GOV EFFORT TO STEM BRAIN DRAIN. PROGRAM INCLUDES LOW COST CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM FRANCE AND US AND FREEDOM TO RETURN ABROAD; PICNICS, CONCERTS, OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS, AND BANQUETS, EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY TRAINING, ETC.

PRC

16. THREE PRC PHYSICISTS ATTENDED FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGH ENERGY COLLISIONS AT SUNY'S STONY BROOK CAMPUS, MARKING FIRST TIME SINCE CCP CAME TO POWER THAT PHYSICISTS FROM CHINA HAVE TAKEN PART IN SUCH CONFERENCE. DR. TOLL, PRES. OF STONY BROOK CAMPUS, EXTENDED SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHINESE PHYSICISTS IN OPENING REMARKS. ALSO PRESENT WAS NOBEL PRIZE-WINNER PROF. C.N. YANG, WHO ORIGINATED HIGH ENERGY CONFERENCES AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING PRC

PARTICIPATION IN THIS ONE.

JAPAN

17. USTS REPORTS THAT DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1973, 289,203 JAPANESE VISITED US - LARGEST CONTINGENT OF OVERSEAS VISITORS; AUSTRALIA RANKED SIXTH.

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PHILIPPINES

18. NYT REPORT FROM MANILA DISCLOSES THAT LEGAL NOTICE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN AUG. 23 DAILY EVENING EXPRESS, ANNOUNCING FORTHCOMING MILITARY TRIAL OF LP SENATOR AQUINO JR. ON CHARGES ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, MURDER AND SUBVERSION. NO CHARGES FILED YET AGAINST SENATOR DIOKNO, WHO STILL DETAINED. STILL AT LARGE NPA LEADING LIGHTS, WHO ALONG WITH AQUINO ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER AND SUBVERSION, TO BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

19. HARVARD'S EZRA VOGEL, FRESH BACK FROM THE AREA, (GLOBE, AUG. 23) REVIEWS PRC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LIN PIAO'S DEMISE. NOTES MOVES BY CHOU AND ASSOCIATES TO EXPAND THEIR POWER BASE IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AND TO CREATE NEW LOOK IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES. BUT SEES RECENT SIGNS OF CHOU'S EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE POWER RUNNING INTO ROADBLOCKS IN FORM OF VERBAL ATTACKS ON POLICIES CHOU IS ASSOCIATED WITH AND IN AUG. 7 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE CONTAINING ILL-DISGUISED CRITICISM OF CHOU HIMSELF. ASSERTS THAT EVEN IF CHOU SURMOUNTS CHALLENGE IMPLICIT IN CRITICISMS, HE MAY HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN PERSONNEL AND POLICIES. IF CHOU DOES NOT WIN OUT, IT IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR WHO COULD BUILD A BROAD ENOUGH BASE TO GET THE COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN. MEANWHILE, NOTES THAT A NUMBER OF SCHEDULED VISITS BY HIGH LEVEL VISITORS HAVE BEEN "POSTPONED" AT LAST MINUTE, WITH NO WORD AS TO WHEN THE CHINESE WILL BE PREPARED FOR VISITORS. THIS HAS INCLUDED HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS VISITS BY HAK, SENATOR MANSFIELD, AND HARVARD EAST ASIAN RESEARCH CENTER SCHOLARS. STARTING LAST WEEK AND EXTENDING FOR TWO MONTHS, NO NEW ROUTINE APPLICANTS LIKE OVERSEAS CHINESE, OTHER THAN SPECIALLY INVITED INDIVIDUALS, WILL BE "ACCEPTED INTO" CHINA. CLEARLY, CHOU'S EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POSITION IS NOW COMING TO HEAD AND NO FOREIGNER HAS A SOLID BASE FOR GUESSING THE OUTCOME.

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20. LAT'S DAVID LAMB (AUG. 23) IN PORT MORESBY, DESCRIBES POLITICAL CLIMATE IN PNG WHERE SELF-GOVERNMENT IS DUE DEC. 1 AND NATIONHOOD NEXT YEAR. FINDS ALP GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE DESPITE OPPOSITION OF MOST OF PNG'S 2.5 MILLION INHABITANTS, AMONG WHOM MICHAEL SOMARE'S COALITION GOVERNMENT FACES PERPLEXING TASK OF BRINGING SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY. TRIBALISM, LANGUAGE DIVERSITY, IMBALANCE IN ECON DEVELOPMENT AMONG VARIOUS AREAS, ILLITERACY ARE DIVISIVE FORCES. BUT MOST INFLUENTIAL OF DIVISIVE FORCES IS THREE-MONTH OLD PAPUA SEPARATIST MOVEMENT LED BY JOSEPHINE ADAIJAH, ONLY FEMALE IN PNG'S 100-MEMBER HOUSE. SHE FEARS IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE WILL MEAN 600,000 PAPUANS WILL BE DOMINATED BY 1.9 MILLION NEW GUINEANS. LAMB OBSERVES THAT SOME ARE NEVERTHELESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PNG'S FUTURE. THEY POINT TO UNCORRUPTED SINCERITY OF POLITICIANS LIKE SOMARE, WHOSE SIGN FOR NATIONAL UNITY IS OUTSTRETCHED ARM WITH OPEN HAND, AND TO ROLE PLAYED BY PEACE-KEEPING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHEN RIOTS FOLLOWED SOCCER GAME BETWEEN P AND NG. THEY ADD THAT GOVERNMENT IS AT LEAST SURVIVING - SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK WOULD HAPPEN A YEAR AGO.

21. BILL BUCKLEY (S-N, AUG. 23) SUPPORTS CRITICISM OF FULBRIGHT FOR SITTING ON NOMINATIONS HE DISAPPROVES, INCLUDING THAT OF GODLEY AS EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY. SAYS EVERYONE KNEW THAT GODLEY WAS BEING PENALIZED FOR CARRYING OUT HIS ASSIGNMENT IN LAOS WITH VIGOR AND SKILL, AND IT IS PRESUMABLY FULBRIGHT'S POSITION THAT AMBASSADORS TO INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE SERVED NOT THE PRES. BUT THE SFRC CHAIRMAN.

22. NYT, REFERRING TO PRESIDENT'S VFW SPEECH, SAYS PRES. SERIOUSLY MISSTATED ISSUE OF SECRET CAMBODIA BOMBING OF 1969-70. QUESTION IS NOT THE ONE HE POSED: "HOW COULD THE UNITED STATES MAKE A SECRET ATTACK ON TINY CAMBODIA?" BUT "HOW COULD MR. NIXON BREAK FAITH WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TWO MONTHS AFTER TAKING OFFICE?" REVIEWING WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE PRESIDENT'S RECORD OF "DECEIT," NYT CONTENTS THAT IT DOES NO GOOD FOR PRES. TO EXPLAIN THAT SIHANOUK KNEW ABOUT SECRET BOMBING OR THAT WH INFORMED UNCLASSIFIED

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FEW FRIENDLY CONGRESSMEN, WHO, IN ITS ESTIMATION, "HAD ANY RIGHT TO KNOW OR NEED TO KNOW." PRES. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO FOREIGN PRINCE OR TO A FEW "APPROPRIATE" MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. HE IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO ALL THEIR ELECTED REPS IN CONGRESS. PRES. GAINED NOTHING BY CAMBODIAN ADVENTURE. EXECUTIVE ARROGANCE

BRED ONLY BROKEN FAITH AND DISSOLUTION AT HOME, COUPLED WITH MISERY AND DEATH IN CAMBODIA, ALL TO NO PURPOSE.

23. CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH IN BANGKOK NOTES THAT THAILAND IS ONE SEA COUNTRY THAT HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE TO SUPPRESS NARCOTICS TRADE DESPITE HAVING HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF POLICE AND OTHER OFFICIALS CORRUPTED BY FORTUNES INVOLVED. BUT STAKES ARE SO HIGH IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC TO US THAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO RISK ULTIMATE PENALTY TO CASH IN ON PIECE OF THE ACTION. AND AS ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES BECOME MORE STRICT THROUGH COOPERATION WITH US CUSTOMS AND NARCOTICS AGENTS BASED IN INDOCHINA, DOPE RACKETEERS DEVISE NEW WAYS TO GET THEIR DEADLY CARGOES THROUGH. CHINESE, WHO ARE BACKBONE OF SEA TRAFFIC IN HIGH GRADE HEROIN, ARE MOST IMAGINATIVE IN SMUGGLING OPERATIONS, BUT EQUALLY TOUGH GROUP TO INTERCEPT ARE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS, MANY OF WHOM ARE FORMER GI'S WHO HAD THEIR FIRST TASTE OF HEROIN DURING VN WAR. IN FACT, US OFFICIAL IN BANGKOK SAYS 95 OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES IN THAT PART OF WORLD ARE EX-SERVICEMEN, SIX OF WHOM ARE SERVING SENTENCES IN THAI PRISONS. OBSERVES THAT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THROUGHOUT SEA BY MULTINATIONAL ALLIANCE OF CUSTOMS AND NARCOTICS MEN IS FORCING TRAFFICKERS TO FIND NEW ROUTES.

24. OBERDORFER (AP WP) IN TOKYO REPORTS GOJ CABINET DECISION TO POSTPONE ROK-GOJ FOREIGN AID CONFERENCE. DECISION TAKEN FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK AND ATTRIBUTED TO TENSIONS CAUSED BY KIM DAE JUNG KIDNAPPING. CITES REPORTS THAT GOJ HAD BEEN PREPARED TO BOOST ITS AID TO KOREA WELL ABOVE LAST YEAR'S \$175 MILLION. UNDER QUESTIONING BEFORE DIET, JUSTICE MIN. SAID IT WOULD BE INFRINGEMENT OF JAPAN'S SOVEREIGNTY IF SK AGENTS TOOK PART IN KIDNAPPING, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ HAS NO UNCLASSIFIED

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PROOF OF ROK ROLE. TANAKA CONCEDED THAT JAPANESE INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY ROK REFUSAL TO ALLOW KIM RETURN TO JAPAN AND ASSERTED THAT GOJ WILL CONTINUE REQUEST KIM'S RETURN. OBERDORFER CITES SOME SOURCES AS SAYING THAT GOJ MIGHT EVEN SUSPEND EXISTING AID IF INVESTIGATIONS SHOW ROK INVOLVEMENT, BUT CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO DECLINED TO DISCUSS THAT POSSIBILITY IN ON-THE-RECORD BRIEFING.

25. CHITRIB'S BUKRO IN JUNEAU REPORTS ALASKANS CARRYING ON A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPANESE. ON ONE HAND, ALASKANS ARE BENEFITING FROM TOURIST TRADE; ON OTHER, JAPANESE FISHING FLEET IS BEING BLAMED FOR SINGLE-HANDEDLY DESTROYING RED SOCKEYE SALMON FISHING INDUSTRY IN BRISTOL BAY. SAYS GOV. EGAN HAS APPEALED DIRECTLY TO PRES. AND

DOS, TRYING TO GET JAPANESE FISHERMEN TO STAY AWAY FROM BAY. ISSUE COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT AN ALASKA COMPANY PROVIDES FUEL THAT KEEPS JAPANESE FLEET OPERATING OFF ALASKAN COAST. REPORTS ALSO THAT JAPANESE - AND ARABS - ARE BUYING ALASKAN PROPERTY SIGHT UNSEEN.

26. UPI TOKYO (WP) CITES BOEING CHAIRMAN AS TELLING NEWS CONFERENCE THAT TECHNICAL STUDIES ON POSSIBILITY OF JOINT US-JAPAN VENTURE TO BUILD NEW AIRBUS ARE UNDER WAY.

27. FRANK CHING, HONG KONG-BORN NYT STAFFER WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED 13-DAY PRIVATE VISIT IN PRC, OBSERVES THAT BENEATH VENEER OF UNIFORMITY AND DRABNESS REPORTED BY MANY VISITORS, ORDINARY PEOPLE SHOW INGENUITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN COPING WITH DAILY ADVERSITY AND, IN THEIR FASHION, SAVOR MANY SMALL PLEASURES OF LIFE. SAYS IMPRESSIONS GAINED IN CANTON, SHANGHAI AND PEKING ARE OF HARDWORKING PEOPLE WHO ARE PROUD OF PRC ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT ALSO ACUTELY AWARE OF ENORMOUS TASKS THAT LIE AHEAD BEFORE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING CAN APPROACH THAT OF WEST.
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